(c) Draft replies to such communications should be put up within 10 days of the date from which the reference has been received in the Directorate and in cases where information is to be called for from the Railways, within 15 days.

Superfast train between Delhi and Haridwar

†1892. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to run a new superfast train from Delhi to Haridwar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the work in this regard is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) It is proposed to introduce 2055/2056 New Delhi-Dehradun Jan Shatabdi Express with stoppage at Haridwar during 2002-2003.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway claims for compensation

1893. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of claims of compensation pending in R.C.T. as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of claims pending for more than three to five years and more; and

(c) what are the precise reasons for the inordinate delay in the settlement of claim cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) 27125 number of claims cases are pending.

(b) 5493 cases are pending for three to five years, and 5310 cases are pending for more than five years.

†*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi*